

Present: Robert C. (Terry) Vose, Chair, R.Tag Carpenter, Vice-Chair, Mark Barry, Michael Cole and Sheila Lynch-Benttinen. Arthur Evans and Nicole Walters were absent.

Note: the numbering below is chronological and may not correspond to agenda item numbering

Chairman Vose called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

1. **Open Forum.** Mr. Barry shared an email from Mr. Christopher Skelly, Director of Local Programs for the Massachusetts Historical Commission, that lists almost all towns and cities in the Commonwealth and the length of demolition delay for each.
2. **Minutes.** A slight modification was made to the minutes of January 2, 2019-Article 600 was changed to Article 609 in the second sentence of Agenda Point 6. The minutes were then approved by a 5-0 vote.
3. **Pending Demolition Application.** *286 Marshall Street, Standish House Hotel South Wing, ca. 1872. Six month delay imposed Sept. 19, 2018; expires March 19, 2019.*
No direct contact with the owners to date. A meeting with them, the Zoning Enforcement Officer, Planning Director, and a member of the Design Review Board has yet to be arranged. Chairman Vose will email owners in the coming week.
4. **New Building and Demolition Applications:** *15 Plymouth Avenue*
Commissioners discussed an application filed with the Building Department for a small addition at 15 Plymouth Ave. A stop work order was imposed and the owner had to file for a building permit. The Commissioners decided it was not worthwhile for a walk-around and to hold up construction. A 5-0 motion passed to bypass walk-around.
5. **Contact with Preservation MA re: Historical Preservation Project: Proposal for List of Historical Properties.** Ms. Lynch-Benttinen contacted Preservation MA after the Planning Board meeting on January 9. The organization has not yet returned her call and/or email.
6. **Planning Board Revisions to Demolition Delay Bylaw.** Chairman Vose and Vice Chairman Carpenter shared reflections from their attendance at the January 9 Planning Board public hearing. Three proposed zoning articles were discussed at the hearing that the Planning Board plans to submit to the Annual Town Meeting March 9. The Chairman and Vice Chairman discussed with the Commission the warrant language of the updated article drafts. Commissioners were encouraged to attend the Planning Board hearing on January 30.
7. **CPC Update.** Chairman Vose, CPC liaison, shared with the Commissioners that nominations for Cove Street, Town Hall and the Miles Standish Homestead in the National Register of Historic Places are currently delayed by the Massachusetts Historical Commission as they need more time to review the sites. The Chairman also shared that the CPC will have leftover money to perform survey work in Tinkertown. He will report back on these issues after he attends the January 17 CPC meeting.
8. **Local Historic District Update.** Chairman Vose, LHDC liaison, discussed with the Commissioners that the Local Historic District Commission will not have an article for Town

Meeting. The submissions of over seven buildings to be added to the Historic District are not yet complete.

9. Letters to *Duxbury Clipper*

To garner support from the community for the two Town Meeting warrant articles that relate to the Historical Commission, Commissioners discussed writing letters to be published in the *Duxbury Clipper*. Ms. Lynch-Benttinen shared the first draft of a letter she penned and plans to submit. The main themes included Duxbury's tradition of historic architecture, statistics on the town's historic homes and how demolition is altering the distinct character of the community. It was resolved and scheduled that a Commissioner would draft and submit a letter to the editor of the *Duxbury Clipper* every week until Town Meeting.

10. Motion to Adjourn. Made and seconded at 8:15 PM; approved 5-0.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Michael J. Cole, Acting Clerk